AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An inflation device (10) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, the inflation device comprising:

a first pyrotechnic cord-type gas generator (12) having ~~a cord-type fuel line~~ an elongated propellant strand (20) and an igniter (18) associated with the ~~fuel line~~ propellant strand~~,~~; and

a second pyrotechnic gas generator (14) having a housing (30) and fuel elements (32) arranged in the housing (30)~~,~~;

wherein the ~~cord-type fuel line~~ propellant strand (20) passes through and extends beyond the housing (30) of the second pyrotechnic gas generator (14) and wherein the ~~cord-type fuel line~~ propellant strand (20) within said housing (30) is adapted to release combustion products for igniting the fuel elements (32) of the second gas generator.

2. (Currently amended) The inflation device according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~first pyrotechnic~~ cord-type gas generator has a housing (16) with overflow openings (38), through which combustion products released from the ~~fuel line~~ propellant strand (20) pass, and wherein the housing (16) of the ~~first pyrotechnic~~ cord-type gas generator (12) with the overflow openings (38) passes through the housing (30) of the second pyrotechnic gas generator (14).

3. (Currently amended) The inflation device according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~first pyrotechnic~~ cord-type gas generator (14) has a housing (16) adjoining the housing (30) of the second pyrotechnic gas generator (14), and wherein the ~~fuel line~~ propellant strand (20) passing through the housing (30) of the second gas generator (14) being directly in contact with the fuel elements.

4. (Original) The inflation device according to Claim 1, wherein the fuel elements (32) are fuel tablets which are arranged in a fill.

5. (Currently amended) The inflation device according to Claim 1, wherein the fuel elements (32) ~~are of~~ have a hollow cylindrical shape and each hollow cylindrical fuel element (32) surrounds the ~~fuel line~~ propellant strand (20) peripherally within the housing (30) of the second pyrotechnic gas generator (14).

6. (Currently amended) The inflation device according to Claim 1, wherein the fuel elements (32) have a ~~higher combustion rate~~ substantially longer combustion time than the ~~fuel line~~ propellant strand (20).

7. (New) An inflation device for a vehicle occupant restraint system, the inflation device comprising:

a cord-type gas generator comprising a first housing and a propellant strand arranged in said first housing, and an igniter associated with the propellant

strand, said first housing having gas discharge openings for releasing gas generated from said propellant strand; and

a second gas generator having a second housing and fuel elements arranged in the second housing, said first and said second housing being connected to each other and said propellant strand passing through and extending beyond the second housing;

wherein the propellant strand within said second housing is adapted to ignite the fuel elements of the second gas generator and wherein gas generated from said fuel elements is released through said gas discharge openings of said cord-type gas generator.

8. (New) The inflation device according to Claim 7, wherein the first housing having said gas discharge openings passes through and extends beyond the second housing.

9. (New) The inflation device according to Claim 7, wherein said second housing has at least one connecting section, with said first housing adjoining the second housing at said connecting section, and wherein the propellant strand leaves said first housing at said connecting section and passes through the second housing.

10. (New) The inflation device according to Claim 9, wherein said propellant strand within said second housing is directly in contact with said fuel elements.

11. (New) An inflation device for a vehicle occupant restraint system, the inflation device comprising:

a cord-type gas generator comprising a first housing and an elongated propellant strand arranged in said first housing, and an igniter associated with the propellant strand, said first housing having gas discharge openings for releasing gas generated from said propellant strand upon activation by said igniter; and

a second gas generator having a second housing and fuel elements arranged in the second housing, said first and said second housing being connected to each other, with said first housing and said propellant strand passing through and extending beyond the second housing;

wherein the propellant strand passing through said second housing is adapted to ignite the fuel elements of the second gas generator and wherein gas generated from said fuel elements is released through said gas discharge openings of said cord-type gas generator.

12. (New) An inflation device for a vehicle occupant restraint system, the inflation device comprising:

a cord-type gas generator comprising a first housing and an elongated propellant strand arranged in said first housing, and an igniter associated with the propellant strand, said first housing having gas discharge openings for releasing gas generated from said propellant strand upon activation by said igniter; and

a second gas generator having a second housing and fuel elements arranged in the second housing, said first and said second housing adjoining and

being connected to each other and said propellant strand passing through and extending beyond the second housing;

wherein the propellant strand within said second housing is in direct contact with said fuel elements so that said gas released from said propellant strand within the second housing ignites the fuel elements, and wherein gas generated from said fuel elements is released through said gas discharge openings of said cord-type gas generator.